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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS ALGERIA

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1. REFTTEL ONLY PARTIALLY REFLECTED MESTIRI'S VEHEMENCE IN DISCUSSING ALGERIAN DIPLOMACY AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO IT. CONCLUDING HIS DESCRIPTION OF ALGERIA'S BEHAVIOR AT CONFERENCE, MESTIRI SAID, YOU CAN BELIEVE ME BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE WATCH THEM VERY CAREFULLY. LIBYA IS OUR PUBLIC ENEMY, BUT OUR REAL CONCERN IS ALGERIA."

2. IN DISCUSSING ALGERIAN INFLUENCE ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, MESTIRI CALLED IT "UNNATURAL". HE SAID PRINCIPAL GOAL OF HIS WORK AS NEW TUNISIAN PERM REP IN NEW YORK PEULYPE TO ELIMINATE THIS INFLUENCE. ADDRESSING EMBOFF DIRECTLY HE SAID HE HOPED THAT USG AND ITS FRIENDS IN AFRICA WOULD ASSIST HIM IN THIS EFFORT. EMBOFF MADE NO RESPONSE AND MESTIRI TURNED TO OTHER SUBJECT.
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